

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE STEVEN BONILLA,

Plaintiff.

Nos. C 11-2612 CW (PR)  
C 11-2613 CW (PR)  
C 11-2614 CW (PR)  
C 11-2615 CW (PR)  
C 11-2617 CW (PR)  
C 11-2637 CW (PR)  
C 11-2650 CW (PR)  
C 11-2654 CW (PR)  
C 11-2655 CW (PR)  
C 11-2656 CW (PR)  
C 11-2657 CW (PR)  
C 11-2681 CW (PR)  
C 11-2707 CW (PR)

ORDER OF DISMISSAL;  
TERMINATING ALL PENDING  
MOTIONS

Plaintiff Steven Bonilla has been sentenced to death by the Superior Court of California for the County of Alameda. He is incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison. Although his State habeas case currently is being litigated, he filed a request for appointment of counsel for his future federal habeas litigation in this Court. See Bonilla v. Ayers, No. C 08-0471 CW (PR). Pursuant to Habeas Local Rule 2254-25, this Court granted his request for appointment of counsel and referred the matter to the Northern District's Selection Board for the recommendation of qualified counsel to represent Plaintiff in his federal habeas proceedings. Additionally, pursuant to Habeas Local Rule 2254-24(a), the Court granted Plaintiff's concurrent request for a stay of execution. (Docket no. 3.)

Although Plaintiff's State habeas case is pending, Plaintiff has filed numerous pro se requests and motions in C 08-0471. All of the requests and motions have been denied by this Court or withdrawn by Plaintiff. In particular, on February 16, 2011, the Court issued an Order telling Plaintiff that no further filings

1 regarding CR 88-259 MISC AJZ (Grand Jury proceedings) would be  
2 accepted by this Court. (Docket no. 34.) Additionally, the Court  
3 dismissed with prejudice In re: Steven Wayne Bonilla, No. C 11-0441  
4 CW (PR), a pro se complaint filed by Plaintiff regarding CR 88-259  
5 MISC AJZ. (Id.) Most recently, on March 29, 2011, the Court  
6 denied several more pro se motions filed by Plaintiff in C 08-0471.  
7 In doing so, the Court wrote:

8 As this Court has stated multiple times, Petitioner's  
9 state habeas case is still pending in the state court.  
10 The Court reiterates to Petitioner that challenges to his  
11 state trial conviction must be reviewed by the state  
12 courts before being considered by the federal court.  
13 Until that time, Petitioner's various claims in his pro  
14 se pleadings are not ripe for this Court to consider.

15 (Docket no. 54 at 2:16-22.)

16 Now pending before the Court are thirteen civil rights actions  
17 filed by Plaintiff pro se under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. None of the  
18 allegations in Plaintiff's complaints, however, states a claim for  
19 relief under § 1983. "'Federal law opens two main avenues to  
20 relief on complaints related to imprisonment: a petition for habeas  
21 corpus, 28 U.S.C. § 2254, and a complaint under the Civil Rights  
22 Act of 1871, Rev. Stat. § 1979, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 1983.  
23 Challenges to the lawfulness of confinement or to particulars  
24 affecting its duration are the province of habeas corpus.'" Hill  
25 v. McDonough, 547 U.S. 573, 579 (2006) (quoting Muhammad v. Close,  
26 540 U.S. 749, 750 (2004)). Thus, to the extent a prisoner  
27 maintains he is entitled to "immediate or speedier release" from  
28 confinement, such a claim may be asserted only in a petition for a  
writ of habeas corpus. See Skinner v. Switzer, 131 S. Ct. 1289,  
1293 (2011)(internal citation and quotation omitted).

Here, in an apparent attempt to circumvent this Court's prior

1 admonition to Plaintiff that no further filings regarding CR 88-259  
2 MISC AJZ would be accepted by the Court and that additional unripe  
3 pro se motions in C 08-0471 would be denied, Plaintiff has filed  
4 the instant civil rights complaints in which he seeks access to  
5 certain discovery, witness testimony, declarations and other  
6 information that he claims would render his death penalty  
7 conviction invalid, including information regarding CR 88-259 MISC  
8 AJZ. Because all of Plaintiff's civil rights complaints seek  
9 relief that must be pursued by way of habeas corpus, all of the  
10 instant civil rights actions are hereby DISMISSED without prejudice  
11 to Plaintiff's bringing his claims in a federal habeas petition.  
12 See Trimble v. City of Santa Rosa, 49 F.3d 583, 586 (9th Cir.  
13 1995). Plaintiff is reminded, however, that he must heed the  
14 Court's prior admonitions before filing additional pro se matters  
15 in C 08-0471.

16 Additionally, because the Court has determined that none of  
17 the instant civil rights complaints can proceed as a civil rights  
18 action but, instead, must be dismissed, the Clerk of the Court is  
19 hereby DIRECTED to terminate, in each action, Plaintiff's pending  
20 motion to proceed in forma pauperis. No filing fee is due.

21 The Clerk of the Court shall enter judgment in each of the  
22 above civil rights actions, terminate all pending motions therein,  
23 and close the files. The Clerk of the Court also shall file a copy  
24 of this Order in C 08-0471.

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 Dated: 6/13/2011



27 CLAUDIA WILKEN  
28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on June 13, 2011, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

Steven Wayne Bonilla  
San Quentin State Prison  
Prisoner No. J-48500  
San Quentin, CA 94974

Dated: June 13, 2011

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk  
By: Nikki Riley, Deputy Clerk

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